clashing with the various Entrance Examinations for admission into B.E. Degrees courses of Roorkee and other Engineering Colleges affecting hundreds of candidates appearing in the admission test; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take to shift the dates of holding the N.D.A. Examinations so that it does not clash with other examinations and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination is being held by the Union Public Service Commission on 30th April, 1989.

(b) and (c) This date clashes with the Roorkee Engineering Entrance Examination being held on that date. About 50,000 candidates have applied for the National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination conducted all over the country, for which all the the administrative arrangements have already been finalised by the U.P.S.C. The Commission do not find it parcticable to change the date of the examination at this stage.

Death of soldiers at Siachen Glacier

3113. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleasee to state:

(a) the number of army men who have lost their lives in the Siachen Glacier during the last three years; and

(b) what amount Government have spent on them in the above region during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) There have been some casualties in the Siachen Glacier area during the last 3 years. It would not, however, be desirable to disclose the details of the casualties or the expenditure incurred on Siachan operations.

False AIDS Free Certificates issued by Bombay Laboratory

3114. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Bombay Laboratory had issued false Aids free certificates to Indians going abroad, as reported in the Indian Express of 5th February, 1989 and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government propose to take action against such laboratory and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Government has seen the news item. Two Indians who had been issued AIDS free certificate by a Laboratory in Bombay, proceeded to Qatar where they were retested and found to be positive both by ELISA and Western Blot. Both the Indians were sent back to India by Government of Qatar.

(b) The Government of Maharashtra are already investigating the matter for appropriate action.